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Representatives Townsend Applauds Enactment of Election Reform Legislation

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Kelly Townsend (R-16), chair of the House Elections Committee, today applauded Governor Doug Ducey for signing HB 2039 into law.

HB 2039 requires county recorders to post on their websites the number of voters registered using the state or federal form who have not provided proof of citizenship, as well as the number of votes cast using federal only ballots. Under Arizona law, federal voters who have not shown proof of citizenship are ineligible to vote in Arizona elections.

"Particularly after the last election cycle, I think voters will appreciate more transparency from county recorders," said Representative Townsend. "By requiring county recorders to share the number of registered voters who haven't shown proof of citizenship, HB 2039 will provide voters with important information about their electoral process."

"I thank my colleagues for passing this legislation and applaud Governor Ducey for signing it into law."

The bill also makes a technical correction to SB 1090, which requires voters who receive emergency ballots to present proof of identification and sign an affidavit stating that they have experienced or are experiencing an emergency.

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